

REMARKS

This application has been amended in a manner to place it in condition for allowance.

Status of the Claims

Claims 10 and 13 are cancelled, without prejudice, as applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications directed to their subject matter.

Claims 7 and 12 remain pending.

Double Patenting

Claims 10 and 13 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 5,912,242. This rejection was moot by the cancellation of claims 10 and 13.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 7 and 12, the sole pending claims in the application.

Conclusion

In view that that the remaining claims 7 and 12 were allowed, Allowance and passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future submissions, to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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